

There is a great demand for a leader showing the impossibility of the American Federation of Labor developing into a revolutionary industrial union. It is not that the I. W. U. would not be glad to see the A. F. of L. transformed into a true labor union, and no one pretends that many of the members of the A. F. of L. are not getting to see the need of true industrial union of workers. But it would be as logical to expect any other institution of the employing class to espouse the cause of the workers, as to expect such an organization as the A. F. of L. with the principles that underlie it, and the men who are in it, to become revolutionary. But this is not plain to many who are not familiar with the A. F. of L. for just what it is. The General Secretary-Treasurer is of the opinion that such a leader would be of great good not only to the members of the I. W. U., but also good for many members of the A. F. of L. who would under no circumstances

the German, the Frenchman, the native of other lands, though steeped in tradition, is too familiar with the unchanging character of government, deems its form, to cherish, as much as the American, hope of redress from the governments of those countries. Especially is this true of the French workers who have seen the cruelties of President Thiers of the Republic, even greater than those of the Emperor Napoleon. Moreover, America has been a land of promise, and while the country was new, with vast fertile tracts of unutilized land, opportunity smiled, though beset with many drawbacks. The worker in the crowded city was told to "go West," and even if one in a hundred succeeded in making a home in the West, that hope, and that feeling of possible upward for individual enterprise, served to prevent the barricade from being built in the streets of New York as it was often built in Paris. The avenues of individual enterprise are practically closed. Rare good fortune, or exceptional ability only prove the rule that the working class of America is in the working class of the world, hopeless except by united action. The socialist and revolutionary propaganda could only have taken root in a country where the facts of the struggle for existence proved the keenness of the social warfare. But the original agitation was merely for reform, or if bold enough to call itself revolutionary, it was generally confined to agitation for betterment of legal enactment, and the future state of society was held to be the outcome

If these ideas seem radical and narrow, it must be remembered that the readers of this paper are composed of members of the working class. Such people as Gompers may brave the derision of the French, as he calls the French the fools of the world, but they are foolish to cover the Mur des Federes with flowers on the first of May, in memory of the martyred Fathers of the Commune. We have nothing to lose—and everything to gain. The practical bearing of the exclusion of the bourgeoisie and patriotism, is that it divides the working class. The working class can only be defeated by dividing it, and the joint parties are the means in the eyes of the politicians, the labor fakirs, and the sky pilots.

But think of the patriotism of the porters' union of the A. F. of L. who so cleverly clean the spittoons of the visiting Japanese aristocrats, and spit on the Japanese Emperor! When superstition is abolished, when love of wife, children and home is greater than idolatry, then will the nationalism of patriotism be among the relics of barbarism, and national prejudice will be a thing of the past, as much as the Spanish Inquisition. The stripes on the American flag will be mingled with the Spanish Inquisition. The stripes on the American flag will be mingled with the stripes of the Japanese flag separation have been done away, and the red sun of the Japanese flag will spread till the whole banner will glow, as the shining of the flag of the working class is everywhere the same. The employed class is divided. All flags are theirs. Patriotism is the enemy of the working class.

THE I. W. W. AND THE INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION

August 17, 1909.

With delegates and Officers of the International Federation of Trades Unions, assembled in the Fifth Special Congress, Paris, France, August 17, 1909. More than once, through the resolutions passed at your Congresses, did you appeal to the working class of America to join the struggle for the rights of the workers against oppression, persecution and the system of exploitation, and the evils afflicting the world over. To your appeal, you at least expected a cheerful reply and a mutual interchange of opinions. You also expected to have the alliance of economic organizations extended to the United States of America.

You were disappointed. You were then at a loss to know the reason for the flat refusal to clasp the hand of the proletarians stretched over the oceans to bring all economic organizations into a powerful alliance for the every day battles of the final struggle to gain possession of the economic resources of the universe.

You now learn—through the antics perpetrated by an emissary of the National Civic Federation, while he is visiting the various countries of Europe—that you had addressed your call for solidarity on international lines to a most unscrupulous traitor to working class interests.

You should realize now that Marc Hanna, who was the ablest statesman of the capitalist class in the United States, had reason to call these men the "trusted lieutenants of the capitalist class." At the banquet of that held institution held at Columbus, O., in 1904, it was because he and his fellow exploiters of the working class knew that they owned them, body and soul. He knew them to be fit representatives of the economic class responsible for constant defeats and betrayals of thousands engaged in battles and skirmishes against the master class.

Fellow Worker Karl Legien, in his last report as International Secretary, deplored the fact that the president of the American Federation of Labor had failed to respond to the overtures for a closer alliance between the unions of European countries and those of America.

According to his statement, not even an acknowledgment was given that a letter of invitation had been received. (See record of last Congress.)

Had you known the connections that bind the American Federation of Labor with the most powerful organization of exploiters, you would not have been surprised at a refusal of that organization to then enter an "International Alliance of the Federations of Unions."

Now so many years in existence.

But you can learn now, why, after ignoring your overtures in the past, the President of the American Federation of Labor, Mr. Samuel Gompers, is now in Europe in solicitation at your convention, failed at his solicitation.

He is there, according to a resolution passed by the executive council of the American Federation of Labor, and heralded through the press of this country to "take the initiative to form a world's alliance of the various organizations of trade unions." Mark this! It is also as vice-president of the National Civic Federation that Mr. Gompers is in Europe. He is there in accordance to a resolution passed by that institution, one member of which is Andrew Carnegie, the butcher of Homestead, to extend the "Civic Welfare Department" of that organization to all European countries.

He is already getting credit for great accomplishments achieved in the protection of capitalist interests. The \$6000 royalty paid him every week by the "Syndicate of Capitalist Newspapers" is proof positive how highly the exploiters of labor value the services rendered them by this representative of what is rotten, debauched and corrupt in this country.

We give you this introduction, so that you men and women, who are part of the working class, may better understand the reasons the American Federation of Labor has so suddenly discovered that there is a union movement in Europe. So that you may understand also that the mission of the president of that organization is not as stated in resolutions passed by the American Federation of Labor, but that he is there as the emissary of capitalists to plant the seeds of compromise and corruption. He is there to introduce the false principles of the American Federation of Labor into the labor movement of the European continent.

You will also be able better to understand the reasons why the Industrial Workers of the World claim the sole right of becoming a part of a world's organization of economic organizations that are founded on the recognition of the irrepressible class conflict in society, and aim not only to combine the workers for more successful fights against the employers of labor, but to prepare them for the final task—the overthrow of the capitalist system of production and the nationalization of industries by the organized workers.

One Working Class.

Your call to American workmen to enter into an alliance of all workers organized on the industrial field of battle, did not pass unheeded, as many of you may have thought.

There are thousands of workers in Europe who know of the existence of an organization in America that is fully up to the requirements expected from any combination that is to represent unscrupulously, the interests of the downtrodden workers.

You know it when International Secretary Legien addressed a letter to the first constitutional convention of the Industrial Workers of the World in 1905. You, in France, were aware of the great epoch-making affair when Emile Pouget, in behalf of the Confederation Du Travail, contemplated the first convention of industrial unionists on the bold, determined stand they were to take.

The general secretaries of Denmark and other countries cannot plead ignorance because their letters are engraved as marks of assurance that the workers of America were taking a forward step in launching the revolutionary organization on the industrial field.

That it was the expressed wish of the elements comprising the Industrial Workers of the World immediately to establish international relations and connections is evident.

First—From the text of the Industrial Union Manifesto, issued in 1905.

Second—From the declarations made in setting the name of the organization as indicating its international character.

Third—By the fact that men and women carrying a card from any economic organization abroad are freely admitted into any organization constituting a part of the Industrial Workers of the World.

Fourth—By the fact that the organization sent a delegate to the International Congress held at Stuttgart in 1907 for the expressed purpose of assuring the representative of the union movement of Europe, that the American working class organization on the industrial field, the Industrial Workers of the World, was

In theory—although not as yet in fact—a part of the "International Federation of Trades Unions."

(In using the term "trades union," we disclaim, however, that it is used in this connection to express the capitalist or antiquated character of any organization, as it is understood in the United States of America.)

Admit the I. W. W.

Our present request that the "Industrial Workers of the World" be admitted to membership is based on a resolution passed at the recent convention of the National Industrial Union of Textile Workers, a component part of the Industrial Workers of the World. The resolution, meeting with the concurrent action by the General Executive Board of the Industrial Workers of the World, is herewith submitted for the consideration of our readers:

Whereas, The Industrial Workers of the World is the only labor organization in North America organized on the industrial field, that is founded on the basic principles enunciated by said International Federation, therefore be it

Resolved, That the General Executive Board of the Industrial Workers of the World be requested to make application for representation in the International Federation, by the time of the next Congress which is to be held according to the records, on August 30th, 1910, a year hence, and whereas the "Confederation Du Travail" of France has requested the International Bureau of the Federation to place on the agenda of the next Congress three points for discussion, namely:

- (1) The General Strike.
- (2) Anti-Militarism.
- (3) Anti-Patriotism.

Knowing that Mr. Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation, and vice-president of the National Civic Federation, is there among you, we deem it a good opportunity to advise you of the history of the union movement of the United States. We will show the criminal role that the American Federation has played since it was chained to the National Civic Federation.

We, who are here on the ground, many of us victims of capitalist persecution, many of us driven from pillar to post by the emissaries of the organization that Mr. Gompers, the Gapon of America, represents, have a right to speak for those who have stood gallantly in the struggles of their fellow men and were defeated by the treachery of the craft union leaders.

We claim that it is the duty of the Industrial Workers of the World, to make known the condemnations hurled by mine workers, railroad workers and others in the various industries, against the vampires who are waxing fat on the treachery to the interest of the working class. We can and will not rest until the millions of the downtrodden will see this mask torn from the faces of these criminals, the chief of whom, you allow to be entertained, and to sit with you in this congress of workers.

We speak for those thousands who, driven to take refuge in the only weapon left them, to call the attention of a horrified world to the brutality of the American exploiters today, are walking about hungry and destitute rather than submit any longer to the indignities they and those dependent upon them have had to endure in their servile life.

We speak for these men and women who by the thousands are today in revolt in the mills and factories of the United States.

We speak for them because the Industrial Workers of the World is the only organization that through its message of industrial solidarity, will kindle the little spark of discontent until the fire of revolt will spread from town to town, from industrial center to industrial center, and which will in time, embrace the whole working class movement and spur the workers to action that will startle the world and make the masters tremble.

Ignored and despised as are these workers, by the American Federation of Labor, which refuses to organize them (that capitalists' desire for cheaper labor had brought here), they are the ones who join in the condemnation of that capitalist aggression headed by Gompers.

Gompers—A Friend of Our Enemy.

The thousands now forced into open revolt are most outrageously oppressed by the same capitalist vampires who twice a year, stretch their legs under the same banquet tables in first class and fashionable hotels with their trusted labor lieutenants. While these rejoice in opulent debaucheries over their mutual partnership in their game of fleecing the workers, the latter are finally compelled to revolt and battle against the indignities heaped upon them by the masters and their pliant tools.

While Samuel Gompers and his band of lieutenants are cementing their unholy alliance, there are thousands being clubbed and shot down every day by the hirelings of brutalized capitalist masters. While galling guns at factory doors give striking illustrations of the real conditions and the absolute helplessness of the disorganized workers, the leaders of the American Federation of Labor praise loud and vociferously of the harmony of interests they have established between the workers and the shirkers.

While despondent strikers are evicted from the miserable hovels in which they were compelled to dwell; while the cries of hungry wives and children should move even the stone to cry out and bring forth the condemnation by all who wish to make an end to these things, Gompers, in the press controlled by his benefactors, prates of the great achievements of this dual conglomeration—The American Federation of Labor and the National Civic Federation—both of which he represents in his pleasure tour through the European continent.

While the brutal fists and maces of the constabulary add to the suffering that struggling thousands have to endure, the chief representative of the American Federation of Labor brags throughout the world of the filled treasuries of the unions of this land, and the power of the press at the command of the two aggregations that he is the representative of.

Recent events have aroused the workers so that even some of the labor lieutenants are compelled to take notice. So much so, that the official organ of the United Mine Workers, one of the component parts of the American Federation of Labor, is forced to protest against Gompers' greed for coin. In its issue of August 7th, a copy of which, is herewith enclosed, the Journal is compelled to call the deal made with the "Newspaper Syndicate," to whom Samuel Gompers furnishes every week an article, a "hold-up," which draws from the workers about \$1,000 a week for the benefit of the chief labor lieutenant.

This part of our address to your Congress may appear to be irrelevant to the great questions absorbing your interest. For our part, we consider it a part of our duty as members of the working class to go on record as informing the Industrial Federations of Trade Unions of these matters. They are the fundamental reasons for the existence of the Industrial

Workers of the World, as an organization outside of the American Federation of Labor.

A Few of Many Crimes.

We deem it our duty also to call the attention of the workers of the world to the crimes committed against the working class by the American Federation of Labor—committed in the name of organized labor.

Let it be known, again we repeat, that the high functionary of that aggregation, who is perhaps exchanging handshakes with those whom he would lure into his meshes, is not a representative of the organized proletariat of America. In proof of this, we submit the following facts:

The movement for an eight-hour workday originating with the workers in America, a country far ahead of others in industrial development, was the first expression of a tendency, correctly manifested, to create more jobs, and thus reduce competition among workers, and to enforce a higher compensation for labor performed. So manifestly strong was the desire for concerted action on the industrial field that ten thousand miners could rally to their support about 200,000 others in a battle for the eight-hour workday.

Over dead bodies of their fellow workers, murdered by capitalist minions at Panaj and Virden, the miners hoisted the flag of victory.

From that time on, Mark Hanna, the most stubborn opponent of the workers devised the scheme of sidetracking this healthy movement. He—supported by his trusty labor lieutenants, as he termed them—hoisted the flag of patriotism, the last refuge of all scoundrels on the lips of the National Civic Federation, founded by him.

The superiority of American institutions over those of European and other countries was another shibboleth with which he was to capture the many who were fearful of the consequences of a further awakening of the forces of labor. Under the flag they, the Hannarchists, assembled all the leaders of labor who were afraid to be drawn into the brunt of battle that might have led to the prison, and perhaps, to death for a few. None of these labor leader founders of the National Civic Federation, as records prove, have ever been engaged directly in a strike of workers or a lockout.

In the proclamations of the aims of the new attachment to the trades union movement, it is boldly announced that the re-entrainment had to take place immediately. The trades union movement was to be divorced from foreign influences. Marc Hanna, with the approval of his labor staff, called it "Americanizing the labor movement." Strong as was the appeal to patriotism, still stronger was the appeal to the conservative and reactionary forces of the land in denunciation of all spontaneous strikes, or sympathetic action between groups of workers in the struggles with the employers.

In the appeal to the great interests of the country that had to be protected mutually, the dual combination successfully checked the strong and growing anti-militarist tendencies that threatened to enroll thousands of workers in its ranks. In the passages of rules by many a labor union, the rule that no one could serve in the militia and be a member of the union, the capitalists had detected a menace to their interests.

All efforts to bring about a closer concentration of the workers, all endeavors to enlighten them on the true position in the industrial organism, are fought conjointly from that dual combination of interests, the Civic Federation and the American Federation of Labor.

More "Harmony of Interest."

Whenever demands for shorter workdays are made, apology is offered to the capitalists, by attempts to prove that the shorter workday would really be a benefit to them.

The miners' victory for the eight-hour workday was turned later into defeat by forcing them to accept the check-off system, thus making the mine owners the financial secretaries of the unions. The mine workers were made subservient allies to capitalist interests. Those who revolt when oppressed and wronged too intensely, are forced to submit as their places are filled by other members of the same union, if they dare to walk out in violation of a treaty made between the leaders and the capitalists.

Men struck in 1907 in Panama, Ill., because they saw the bodies of their fellow workers blown to atoms. Their demand for more protection to life and limb was answered by the order of the labor leaders, to return to work or their places would be filled by other so-called union men, and the leaders were fined twenty-five dollars and blacklisted. This is an illustration of but one industry. In 1904, there were recorded altogether 254 cases of similar character in other industries, to say nothing of the hundreds of outrages, of which the world will never hear.

When, in the year 1894, in the most illustrious manifestation of solidarity, thousands of railroad workers laid down their work in support of the oppressed workers in the Pullman shops, when the whole country was aroused as never before, it was again the American Federation of Labor, according to their own account given in the exhibition souvenir of the St. Louis World's Fair, that came to the rescue of the master class and helped to crush the general strike then already inaugurated.

Again, in March 1905, thousands of oppressed workers employed by the elevated and subway lines of New York City walked out in grand display of working class unity, it was the same official family of the American Federation of Labor that helped Mr. August Belmont, their partner in the National Civic Federation, to drive the men back to work and furnish the strike breakers to defeat them.

In Goldfield, Nevada, in 1907, the organizer of the American Federation of Labor, entered into an open alliance with the mine owners and business interests to destroy the organization of the Western Federation of Miners at that place.

The same policy was pursued in Tonopah, Nevada, by the same organizer and resulted in forcing the hotel employees in that town to lose their fight for the eight-hour day.

At Denver, Colorado, in 1903, the entire executive board of the American Federation of Labor applied for permission from their own members in the Hotel and Restaurant Employees' Union—who were locked out at that time by most of the hotels and restaurants—to stop and eat in a scab hostelry and did so during their entire stay in Denver.

These matters are on record in the annals of the labor movement of the United States. That all these crimes were perpetrated under the direction of the National Civic Federation, in which every officer of the American Federation of Labor holds a position, is evident from the editorial in the official organ of that hybrid millionaire-controlled institution.

Gompers Loyal to Employers.

Bragging about the defeat of the street subway railroad strikers in New York City, the "Civic Federationist" praises the loyal leaders of the American Federation of Labor to the

skies. And again, the official organ of that aggregation claims that the strike of railroad workers on the Canadian Pacific in 1904 was defeated through the efforts of the loyal trades union leaders. And, it also boastfully lays claim to credit for the American Federation of Labor having crushed all remnants of the disorderly un-American "American Railway Union" which made the memorable fight in 1894.

If the Industrial Workers of the World were organized only to raise a voice for these thousands of victimized and despairing members of our class, and to hurl the curses of these outraged men and women into the teeth of these labor lieutenants, its existence would be justified. But this, while a necessary function to clear away the debris of a tumbling structure, is only one important work of the organization which is striving for the complete industrial emancipation of the workers from the thralldom of wage slavery.

We lay these facts before you for your careful consideration, that you may be able to judge whether the emissary now in Paris has the right of claiming to represent the organized workers of America.

He may represent a large number of members, and large treasures; many members, yes—because half of them, if not more, are forced by such methods as the check-off system, label contracts and other queer devices to pay tribute to the fake institution against their will.

But, if principles are to be considered in passing judgment on the merits of that organization, then let it be understood that the American Federation of Labor:

(1) Stands for a fair day's wage for a fair day's work. The capitalists are to decide what is fair in both cases.

(2) It stands for the separation and dividing-up of the workers in insignificant powerless craft unions.

(3) It stands for scabbery under the disguise of unionism, and the protection of contracts with the employers of labor, even with the aid of strikebreakers.

(4) It stands for the capitalist system of society as a finality and will help to perpetrate that system.

(5) By high initiation fees of its affiliated organizations, the American Federation of Labor effectually demonstrates that it is not their purpose to organize the working class. The initiation fee in some of the international craft unions is from one to five hundred dollars.

If the congress unionists and union representatives are in favor of such a program and such principles, the application of the Industrial Workers of the World for admission will of course, be rejected.

The Industrial Workers of the World.

Rising out of conditions peculiar to American conditions and life; the product of the distrust and dissatisfaction created by the constant betrayals of the workers; the result of a propaganda for ideas which were based on conditions in economic life; the Industrial Workers of the World lays claim to the title and distinction of being revolutionary in aims, in methods and of being fully abreast of our age in its forms and composition.

Organized as the industrial organization of the working class, allowing the workers to be governed in their political and other relations by the knowledge acquired in the every day struggle against oppression and wrong, it must not be made the handmaid of either designing politicians or pliant tools of the capitalist class. Within it are constantly produced the elements for its own purification and clarification, and therefore, it is growing in spite of all opposition from the master class and labor lieutenants alike, and it is gradually restoring the lost confidence of the thousands. It is implanting new hopes, new vigor, fresh vitality in masses that look for emancipation only through their own actions.

Organized as the best expression of working class solidarity, the Industrial Workers of the World is battering down the barriers of craft divisions, and organizing the workers in groups determined by the nature of the products they make.

It is cementing the forces together, not only in America, but endeavoring to enter into alliance with working class organizations throughout the world in order to be able to successfully battle with the present owners of the earth for control of all its abundant resources.

It trains the workers for the constant struggle and prepares them for the final task.

It builds within the shell of an old tumbling society the superstructure of the new organism and forms.

As such the organization recognizes the fact that the capitalists have no rights that the workers are bound to respect and revere.

No agreement is allowed to stand between a group of workers and others in preventing them from standing together and making common cause.

No institution supported by capitalist interests is allowed to chloroform the minds of the workers; no labor fairs of the Samuel Gompers type are allowed to fatten themselves on the lifeblood, the worries and the struggles of the downtrodden.

Antipatriots as we are, we will not allow the shibboleth of patriotism to be used to engender hatred of worker against worker, of nation against nation. One nation of workers will stand against the nation of shirkers.

In this sense we are cosmopolitan-patriots.

Antimilitarists as we are, we propose to carry on a propaganda among the men who raise the gun against the struggling workers, and smash that instrument of bloodshed and barbarism over the heads of those who press the sons of toil in military service for the protection of their capitalist interests.

Advocates of the general strike as we are, as the most potent weapon that American working men have wielded with such tremendous force, until their strong arms were crippled and chained by the trades union leaders' treachery, and the divisor of forces—we shall prove when the time arrives that its force and efficiency can still be increased by the adoption of the "general lockout" of the masters as the step by which the workers propose to assume control of industry.

Combining in its onward march all the elements and agencies that make the continuous progress, the Industrial Workers of the World solicit the co-operation of all who strive to achieve the same aims with the same and similar methods.

We must be part of the International Alliance, as we are the only working class organization on the industrial field built and erected on a right and strong foundation.

We should have place in your organization, be a part of the army of workers who are marshalling their forces for the immediate and the final battle against the powerful foe.

The Judgment of Workers.

In making this claim to the right of being a part of the International Federation, we must leave it to your judgment to choose between the two organizations on the merits of the principles that each espouses.

Much will depend on your action. But no matter whether you listen to our protests and hear our application for admission, the Industrial Workers of the World will be able to force its way onward and upward; with its sound principles and its correct methods, it will in due time overcome the obstacles, and will rally around its revolutionary banner all who strive and struggle with their fellow men for the highest achievements that an ever advancing civilization has stored up for use by all the inhabitants of the universe.

We are not able to send a delegate because the organization is not in position to defray the expense of being represented at this time. The fight we have had to make ever since the start of the organization has been so severe that our resources are taxed to their utmost. We may assure you, nevertheless, that we wish you good speed in all your deliberations.

We hope that your work will be crowned with success so that all who yearn and hope to bring the workers nearer to the day of their deliverance from the oppressive yoke of capitalist rule may have reasons to say, "It was worth well done."

We will have a delegate at your next congress, if even you should deny our application at this time. We will help to extend and broaden the World's Alliance of workers by organizing them on the industrial field. We will co-operate with all who aim to accomplish what this organization has been called into existence for.

We hope with all of you to see the day of labor triumph, the dawn of industrial freedom for all who toil and produce.

With Industrial Revolutionary Greetings to you all, we are, yours for Industrial Freedom,

VINCENT ST. JOHN,

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Members of Executive Board.

P. S.—Arguments and facts on three points, The General Strike, Anti-Militarism and Anti-Patriotism, can be given after it is decided whether the Industrial Workers of the World is to be admitted as part of the International Federation.



ORGANIZER JAMES P. THOMPSON,
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ARISE, YE SLAVES!

I.

Ye sons of toil, at last awak'ning,
Shake off the chains that bind and gail;
Look! Freedom's dawn at last is breaking.
Unite! unite ye one and all!
Let not the master's threat deter ye.
The spirit of the age does call
That the workers' day is soon to be
When all the world we'll disenthall.

Arise! Arise! Ye slaves, as workers united be,
Unite! Unite! Be this our will,
We workers must be free!

II.

Long in our night of slavery's sorrow
To masters' profit have we toiled;
Dark was the day, hopeless the morrow
Our life and labor so despoiled.
The master's might strong in oppression
Will never heed the workers' right.
Arise! Unite and take possession;
Our right will come but by our might.

III.

Soon in the toilers' grand awak'ning,
Be Labor's right alone maintained;
The might of Labor then proclaiming
That every worker be unchained.
Haste! Haste the day of Labor's power
When all the world to it belongs.
Arise! Unite! This is the hour
To break our chains, right all our wrongs.

W. I. FISHER.
Portland, Ore., Aug. 16, 1909.

Mankind, without any common bond, any unit of aim, bent upon happiness, has sought each and all to tread their own paths, little heeding if they trampled upon the bodies of their brothers in name; enemies in fact. This is the state of things we have reached today.—Mazzini.

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In your last issue, the author of the "Palouse sketch," drew attention to and a striking likeness of conditions as they exist there, and underneath all, a glimpse of the tangible—a real ownership was shown. Clearly the author exposed individual ownership.

I want to call attention to a neck of the "Great Inland Empire" where the rattlesnake, horse thieves, death, dust storms, the mortgage, crop failures and that loathsome incipient dream—"the scab"—exist; where 90 per cent of the land is mortgaged beyond its selling or market value. Where one man can, by foreclosure and forced sale, retire 90 per cent of these archaic molluscs, and probably only refrains through higher senatorial aspirations. Where the pope's own "democrats" have entered allegiance with their party. Where it's a sacrifice to discuss economics, class distinction or industrial union.

Imagine these servile lickspittles, these tickle farmers, nominal owners only, of a 160-acre rattlesnake den damning the luckless wretch, who by their own perversity and ignorance made these what they are. Compelled by hunger (and not for the meagre pay for a few days of slaving) returning year after year in order to pound a little practical common sense into their muzzles. But with brains of a bedbug capacity, no wonder, no wonder, and these even though offered a higher wage, and these added embellishments: "Basett's footstool" (Adam's Co., Wash.), your bed; sky, a covering; your thoughts, companionship; where their celebrated 40-mile zephyrs soothe you into the belief you're sleeping, when as a matter of fact, actual sleep comes only after the 3 a. m. whistle blows. Realizing you must take your medicine often, consisting of about four pounds of Pasco dust, this is even more than any we saw in the channels of trade while recently visiting the Adams county cities. This residue always due in Adams county, is a near cousin to an active volcano with a Kansas cyclone's company. Many of the denizens of this prosperous country assign their going belly-up to this one cause. I challenge contradiction of this fact: That many of these barnacles are mortgaged beyond redemption, and where formerly the individual could borrow from the bank on personal note, he's now denied on good collateral. Nominal owners of whole sections are working on the new "Jim Hill" triumph. "Adrian-Connell" branch, with teams worth \$400 for 75 cents per diem and this "vol. ing king" \$30. Formerly this "vol. ing prince" liberated during this period or busied himself stealing coal. Meanwhile shouting: "One country, one flag, one—well, let's call it for them, one damned sure chance to learn botany counting ties."

Still, among these despots are men who understand industrial union economics, and the class struggle; that the emancipation of the wage slave must be brought about by the workers themselves, and this can only be done by joining a union whose "shibboleth"—an injury to one concerns all—is their watchword. Through the designated ranks of the P. A. Farming class, who is today disputing your right to eat, these worse than thieves (for a thief steals your purse, a scab the job that fills that purse); with these, I say, the gifted I. W. W. get busy! (DURMA.)

AROUND CLATSkanie.

Conditions in and around Clatskanie are fierce and still might be as good as anywhere else. My experience in one of the camps is like this: The men were woken up at 5:45 a. m., then at 6 o'clock the breakfast bell rings and no later, as the slaves eat breakfast, the train is started to the woods and start to work as soon as they get there. It might be 15 or 20 minutes to 1 o'clock. No sooner the slaves or loggers are on the spot than they jump into the work till 12 o'clock at noon, that making five hours and 12 to 20 minutes in the forenoon.

Noon hour passes something like this: At 12 o'clock the whistles blow, then the men have to walk to the train and ride to the camp, where they arrive about 15 minutes later, then a little washing and the dinner bells ring, being about 25 minutes after 12 o'clock; then a man will have to hurry up and eat dinner or else he would lose some of the grub because a big lot of loggers, or slaves, are waiting on the train to get back to the woods again, and as soon as the last man comes out of the cookhouse the engine is started up to hurry back at a dead run and to get to their places at about 15 to 20 minutes before 1 o'clock to make another dead run until 6 o'clock in the evening. This making, counting only the time a man actually works, 10½ to 16½ hours a day. The way the men work is an atrocious as a man can think of. If you ever saw a dog show with the dogs or pups jumping over a whip then you got something that looks like the slave jumping on the logs at a mad run as if they could not get so many carloads a day then there would not be another day coming. Wake up! Don't run like a beast for a boss or a capitalist that gives you only a bare existence of life. We are not born to slave for another man that lives on us. Don't be a fool and kill yourself for a capitalist; he don't care for you, and in case you have a family he don't care anything to your children except contempt. Join the I. W. W. and become a man for yourself and get more pay and shorter hours, and force that dirty boss you are working for at present to work himself and make him jump the way he compels you to do, and then you can see how long he will last.

WALTER TH. NEF,
Portland Local No. 93.

Conditions Around Sunnyside.

During second haying, now over, commodity labor was scarce. Farmers paid \$2 and board. It is possible almost any day to get work on hay haler from \$2.50, buckers, to \$3.50, forkers. Heavy work around steam balers, some balers 200 pounds. Two employment shark jobs are:

Reservoir, Sunnyside, \$3, ten hours; any one can have for asking, but few care to stay picking hardpan with blunt picks; boss not popular. Employment shark, North Yakima.

Government work on ditch, \$2.25, lends inducement, in fact that fare from Spokane is returnable if men stay 14 days. Job has been short-handed all summer. First shift walks on own time one mile puts on wet rubber hip boots at 4 in the morning; wet job. Camp situated four miles from Mabon on N. P. Potato picking will soon start. Any man can get a job for himself around this part of the country without buying it. Conditions will probably remain same until the harvest days are over, or more correctly, until the harvesters are harrowed by the various parasites. Then, perchance, the agents in Spokane may be able to flood jobs, when employers may be in happy position to cut wages and hustle workers.

J. FLOYD.

Educate! Educate! Educate! Send books throughout the land, educate the people and we can bid defiance to the schemes of tyrants.—Patrick Henry.

TO UNION SECRETARIES.

The following is a list of the Industrial Unions and Branches of Industrial Unions of the I. W. W. in the United States and Canada. It is possible that there are some errors and omissions in this list. All secretaries are asked to send a statement of their names, addresses, times of union meetings, etc. This list will be published every week, and those unions wishing their names continued are asked to write to the editor of the Industrial Worker without delay.

Arizona.

Secy.—Town—Address.

272—F. Velarde, Phoenix, 595 E. Van Buren.

273—W. Welch, Globe, Box 1230.

British Columbia.

155—O. W. Rogers, Phoenix, Box 284.

44—Alice Harling, Victoria, 1630 Pembroke.

525—A. L. Elliott, Nelson, Box 655.

322—F. C. Lewis, Vancouver, Room 3 Sullivan Bldg. Meets 2 p. m. Sundays.

326—Pat Daly, Prince Rupert.

California.

173—J. W. Johnstone, San Francisco, 172 East St., Maritime Bldg.

437—John Sanderson, Brawley, Box 61. Meets 8 p. m. Saturdays.

419—Wm. Kuhl, Redlands, Box 357.

12—W. R. Sautter, Los Angeles, 243 East Second St.

Colorado.

Mixed Local, Denver.

Illinois.

500—J. J. Meyer, Pullman, 11,653 Yale Ave.

233—P. Balzano, Chicago, 161 N. Carpenter.

85—Branch No. 1 (Scandinavian), Oscar Gaderlund. Meets 2d and 4th Sundays in month at 8 p. m. 135 Wells St.

85—W. Zalewski, Polish Br.

85—P. Price, Chicago, 111 Oak St. Br. 2.

167—A. Simpson, Chicago, 1811 Oakdale Ave.

Iowa.

139—H. Hagensen, Sioux City, 419 Jennings.

Louisiana.

38—F. Albers, New Orleans, 137 N. Scott.

Minnesota.

424—H. F. Leger, Jr., Deer River. Meets 1st and 3d Sundays of month at 10 a. m., Ruby's Hall.

64—C. H. Fisher, Minneapolis, 527 Emerson Ave.

Missouri.

84—J. Pollack, St. Louis, 1529 N. 15th St.

188—I. Marcus, St. Louis, 1005 N. 14th.

413—Wm. Hoffman, St. Louis, 2634 S. 18th.

Montana.

142—J. F. Schroeder, Anaconda, 212 E. Com. Av.

105—J. H. Schwend, Anaconda, 511 Washington

405—F. C. Meyer, Butte, Box 1133.

41—Morris Waggoner, Great Falls, 520 4th Ave. South.

421—Joe Duddy, Kallispell, Box 175.

300—M. F. McClung, Kallispell.

33—Pete Brown, Darby, Box 78.

35—H. C. McCann, St. Regis, Box 23.

39—W. H. Coombs, Billings. Meets Friday, 7:30 p. m.

Nebraska.

86—F. H. Alexander, Omaha, 627 S. 17th.

New Jersey.

24—A. Hagsberg, Harrison, 15 Franklin Ave.

163—A. Olson, Jersey City, 349 Communipaw Ave.

510—H. Hartman, Jersey City, 107 Paterson.

New York.

161—C. Delz, New York, 512 E. 146th.

420—C. G. Fisher, New York, 348 E. 152d.

130—N. Heckman, New York, 334 E. 51st.

95—W. Northrop, New York, 44 W. 96th.

217—J. Frankowiak, Buffalo, 1159 Broadway.

91—J. Lyng, Youkers, 29 Fernbrook.

15—A. Black, New York, 40 W. 127th.

179—J. Routsiloe, Brooklyn, 427 Nostrand Ave.

Ohio.

33—Chas. H. Smith, Cleveland, 6636 Bliss Ave.

98—M. Marcus, Cleveland, 2172 E. 51st.

Oregon.

93—E. J. Foote, Portland, 33 N. 4th.

92—Pat Walsh, Portland, 33 N. 4th.

141—Building Constructors, Portland, Ore., 33 N. Fourth St., B. Lorton.

Pennsylvania.

414—R. Walters, Philadelphia, 5539 Poplar St.

12—L. D'Andrea, Dunmore, 306 Smith St.

11—H. Davis, Philadelphia, 2439 S. 17th St.

412—H. Elgart, Philadelphia, 1154 S. 6th St.

404—Joe Shofer, Philadelphia, 420 Green St.

524—T. Goetomo, Scranton, 101 Lackawanna Ave.

215—J. Desmond, Pittsburgh, 4 Gazam St.

516—Anton Parise, Parsons, Box 81.

516—G. Grech, West Pittston, 118 Luzerne Ave.

511—J. Yanello, Old Forge, Box 13.

372—P. Cox, Patton.

25—John Lodone, Masontown, Box 697 Dr. 1.

26—G. Basso, Fairchance, Box 226 Dr. 2.

298—New Castle, 23½ Washington St., Thursday Evening.

Mixed Local, L. Duchez, New Castle, Box 622.

299—Jerry Kauffold, Lyndora, Nixon Hotel.

296—McKees Rocks, 100 Charters Ave.

Colorado.

Denver, 3505 Humboldt St.

Rhode Island.

99—B. Ulderico, Woonsocket, 686 Diamond Hill.

Vermont.

7—F. Rossi, Montpelier, 115 Barre St.

176—N. Imbruglio, Waterbury.

410—L. Marchetto, Barre, 10 Shurtleiff Place.

Washington.

423—F. W. Schwartz, Spokane, 416 Front Ave.

132—G. E. Boyd, Spokane.

432—Wm. Liebrecht, Seattle, 308 James St.

434—H. A. Hanley, Spokane, 416 Front Ave., Rear.

131—A. C. Cole, 308 James St. Meets Mondays, 8:30 p. m.

382—G. R. Coles, Seattle, 308 James St.

178—Chas. P. Williams, Seattle, 308 James St.

222—A. Lovett, Spokane, 416 Front Ave., Rear.

380—A. Payne, Tacoma, 203 S. Cliff Ave.

NATIONAL INDUSTRIAL UNION TEXTILE WORKERS.

National Secretary—Francis Miller, 12 Rosemont Terrace, Lymanville, R. I.

20—G. G. Smith, Lawrence, Mass., 112 Newberry St.

56—W. Swindiehurst, Fall River, Mass., 23 James.

120—D. Ficarli, West Hoboken, N. J., 447 Central Ave.

157—Wm. Yates, New Bedford, Mass., 720 Belleville Ave.

425—A. Debulgne, Philadelphia, 1842 N. Front St.

433—S. Martineilli, Stajord Springs, Conn., Box 698.

436—C. Coppens, Lowell, Mass., 37 Prince St.

513—Francis Smith, Woonsocket, R. I., Box 40.

520—T. J. Powers, Olneyville, R. I., Box 206.

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Spokane, Wash.—C. L. Filigno, 416 Front Ave., Rear.

Portland, Ore.—E. E. Johnson, 33 N. Fourth St.

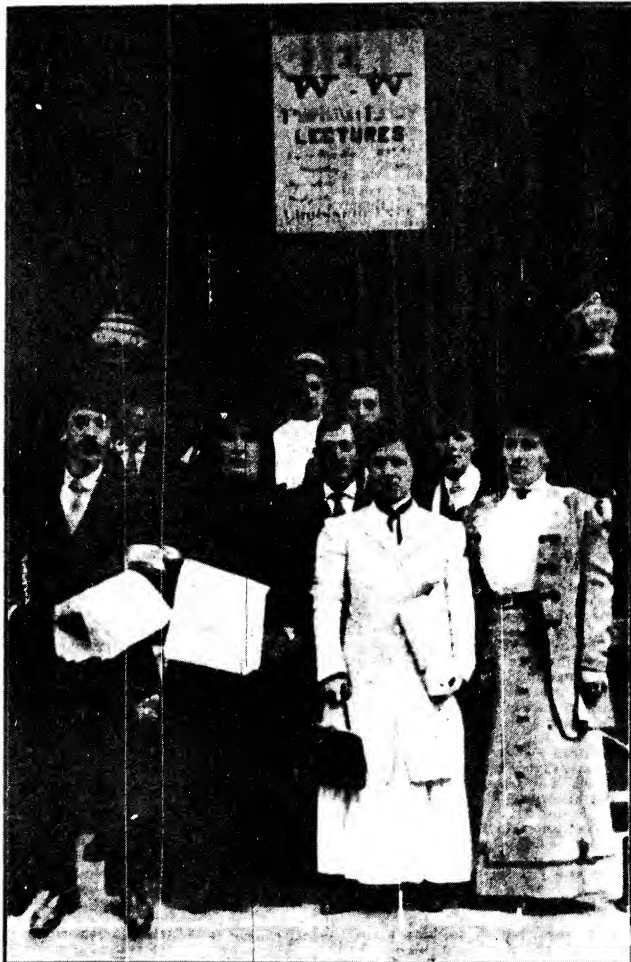
PROPAGANDA LEAGUES.

Buffalo, N. Y.—H. Tutbill, 69 Baynes St.

Chicago, Ill.—B. H. Williams, 302 Wells St.

Kansas City—Hugh M. Scott, 71st and Main Sts.

Butte, Mont.—Paul Cooney, 261 E. Porphyry St.



MEMBERS OF THE CHICAGO PROPAGANDA LEAGUE, WHO SOLD 500 COPIES OF THE INDUSTRIAL WORKER ON LABOR DAY.

CHICAGO LEAGUE.

At the request of McKees Rocks strike committee I am sending you the following report and picture for publication.

In obedience to our motto, "An Injury to One is an Injury to All," or "Money Talks," the faithful few proposed to raise some coin for our striking fellow workers at McKees Rocks, Pa.

Five hundred Industrial Workers were ordered by wire and received in due time on Monday morning.

Fellow Workers Mrs. Meyers, Mrs. Blair, Carl Rathje and Ham-burgh, Pete Allard the big Swede, Wilcox the snake charmer, and E. S. Nelson from Portland, formerly star tenor of the famous Overall Brigade, composed the strike relief committee.

At 2 p. m. it assembled in front of the I. W. W. hall to have a picture taken by Butch, I. W. W. staff (read starved) photo-grafer.

After removing the dead ones and injured resulting from the shot, the live ones caught a passing "direct to the Park" flyer on the fly. Riverview Park, the place: Labor Day (7) picnic, the attraction; three hours, the time.

Net result: 350 Industrial Workers sold at 5 cents per and \$7.00 collected on strike list. Over \$20.00 will be sent on with more to follow.

A few incidents: Fellow Worker Price, the most painstaking treasurer we ever had, was exempt from duty. He sold 80 I. W. W. at the Swedish S. L. P. picnic on Sunday.

Fellow Worker Nelson, who only a few days ago had several fingers smashed while grinding out compensation for the riches that capital takes insisted upon going along and doing his share. He did the spilling, while Allard handled the list.

Mrs. Blair got \$1.00 from some street car men on the way to the hall, while the irrepressible Carl told the passengers on the flyer all about the great strike in Pennsylvania, inducing several of them to buy a I. W. W. A friend who doesn't care to have his name in type donated 15 copies of the Socialist Review, September issue, which were sold by Wilcox.

James Connally, the main speaker, delivered the Labor Day address. Said he, amongst other good things: Our forefathers fought like hell for the right to elect their own president, etc.; fought for political freedom; how much more is it imperative for you working men to battle for economic freedom—the power to elect your own foreman, etc.; to enforce working conditions for your own liking. The industrial field is the battle ground. Organize and do it right. (Great applause.)

Barney Berlin then spoke and at the finish delivered himself (thrust): The real Labor Day is election day! (Like hell it is.) Three pairs of hands attempted to make a noise. A sign of the times.

The speaking over, the hustlers dug in and sold the I. W. W. first, and argued afterwards.

Fellow workers, go ye forth and do likewise: combine agitation with the raising of money for this strike, or any other for that matter.

With best wishes we remain, yours for the earth and the fullness thereof. (14 chapters) one-eyed John.

"Butch" Bohlman and Otto Justh, Committee.

PICNIC IN LOS ANGELES.

Local No. 12 gave their second picnic of the year in the same place it was held last July in the Arroyo Seco bottom. The picnic was not held to celebrate Labor Day, the day set aside by Capitalist Congress for the worker to rest, but just simply because it was Sept. 6 and the boys were not working and felt like junking up for a day.

The committee that had the affair in charge, were as usual Germans. This was evident the moment one arrived at the grounds, for there it was "that amell" between two pieces of rye bread for 10c, mustard free, to be applied as a disinfectant, providing you were not Dutch.

The Limburger was disposed of first, then the ham was sliced with the same knife, which left the ham with a flavor somewhat favoring the smell of a fertilizer factory, and once more it was necessary to bring the mustard into play.

The bakers did well: one presented a cake 18 inches in diameter, with I. W. W. worked on it, to the committee, and another bought 100 pounds of sugar to make three gallons of lemon-

ade; "good judgment." He was looking out for several picnics in the future. It was rumored he owns \$2.50 worth of stock in the Oxnard sugar factory.

The funds were limited, so there were no lost Leg mines to be searched for. Fellow Worker Wilson did not appear with his musical muscle developer, so there was no music.

The address of the day was delivered by Jones. He also gained 10 pounds, for there was nothing came his way that he did not stop, and at 5 p. m. he looked like a poisoned pup.

Fellow Worker Bernsdorf also spoke, telling the boys to put their wheel to the shoulder, and that our motto was an injury to all is the concern of one.

The expenditures were \$28.45, and the receipts \$38.80, one box of lemons and 100 pounds of sugar. All went home happy and the day was well spent.

G. A. FRICK.

Competition gluts our markets, enables the rich to take advantage of the necessities of the poor, makes each man snatch the bread out of his neighbor's mouth, converts a nation of brethren into a mass of hostile, isolated units, and finally involves capitalists and laborers in one common ruin.—Greg.

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